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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA,

I would like the FDA to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 which would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. As a veterinarian I have seen firsthand the devastating effect not being able to walk has on cattle. It is not possible to move downed animals humanely, any movement causes them unbearable pain and anguish.

Much of the trauma and injury that causes livestock to go down is preventable. Better animal care and more careful animal handling is greatly needed in the transportation and movement of animals. By granting this petition FDA would create an incentive for the prevention of livestock injury and downed cattle.

Since most of my better dairy clients have their downed cows euthanized instead of shipping them, I can attest to the fact that prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals will not cause any economic hardship. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy L. Bischof

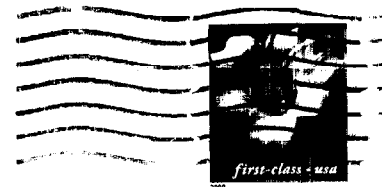
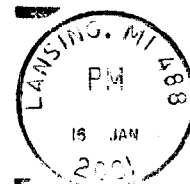
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